Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is known for its strong family traditions—family farms, family businesses, and family vacations; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for families to come together to share their experiences, exchange their life's stories and dreams, build lifelong relationships, and discover their roots; and,

Whereas, The backbone of our nation is the strength and unifying permanence of the family unit; and,

Whereas, For most individuals, the family is a place of comfort and solace; it serves as our shelter and our guide down the pathways of life; and,

Whereas, Though families may split apart in geographical sense, distance cannot break the powerful bonds of emotional and spiritual togetherness; and,

Whereas, The truly devoted family, no matter how scattered by time and space, will make frequent attempts to "keep the lines open," occasionally gathering together to celebrate their lives and love for one another; and,

Whereas, Such is the case for the Eidsness family, a large and loving group of close-knit kin, many having traveled great distances simply to share the pleasure and rewards of each others company; and,

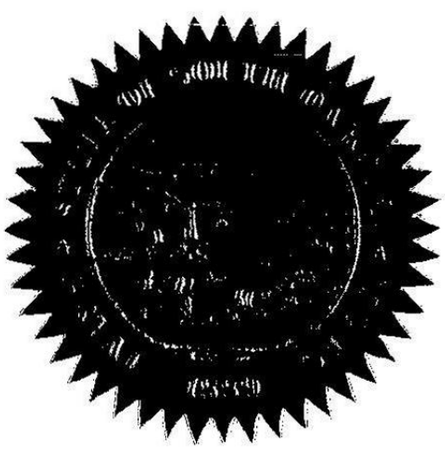
Whereas, 2004 marks the 100th anniversary of the Ole and Amelia Eidsness family farm in Norway Township, and the farm has remained in the family ever since, passing on to Bjarne and Esther to Dave and Bonnie and now to Roe and Pat who have restored the original barn and taken up permanent residence on the farmstead; and,

Whereas, On August 7-8, 2004, the Eidsness family will gather at the Eidsness farm in Norway Township in South Dakota for their triennial reunion, to partake in a wide range of activities including a pork barbecue, wandering trips down to the creek, hayrides, a campfire, and old-time country music with dancing in the barn, and to pay homage to the past and renew its commitment to the future of the Eidsness name and all the great things it represents:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 7-8, 2004, as

OLE AND AMELIA EIDSNESS DAYS

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State